

TARIFF WAR COMING

Our Relations with Germany Reach Acute Stage.

FIRM ON POTASH QUESTION

Rejection of Proposals Made by American Interests Brings Situation to Head and State Department Will Decide What Constitutes Undue Discrimination.

Unless Germany recedes from its position on the potash question, a tariff war is apparently inevitable in the opinion of government officials.

The rejection of the proposals made by representatives of American potash interests by the German potash syndicate, which is upheld by the German foreign office, has brought the commercial relations to an acute stage.

While no official report has been received at the State Department from Mack H. Davis, commercial expert of the Bureau of Trade Relations, who is now in Berlin, it is expected that a complete one will be received from Ambassador Hill at Berlin within the next few weeks. Secretary Knox will return to Washington the latter part of next week, and State Department officials will immediately make a full study of the situation.

President May Interfere.

In the event that the officers of the State Department and the tariff board decide that the action of the German government constitutes an "undue discrimination," President Taft will be requested to issue an executive order revoking the benefit of the minimum rates of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, which German products have received since last winter. The volume of trade between the United States and Germany amounts to several hundred million dollars annually.

The potash question is important to American consumers because of the fact that it is the principal ingredient of fertilizer for cotton, tobacco, and the grains. Under the new German potash law the price to American purchasers has risen from \$20.40 per ton to \$34 per ton, in spite of the fact that the American potash interests have contracts with the German syndicate by which the price of potash is fixed at \$20.40 per ton.

Germany is the chief source of supply of this important article. The United States buys one-half of all that Germany exports. The potash question, however, is not the only question upon which the State Department has had difficulty with the German government. Several months ago the Ottoman American Development Company, an American concern, applied to the Turkish government for a railway and mining concession in Asia Minor.

The company had the diplomatic support of Secretary Knox. The German government, however, attempted to block the entrance of the American concern into that region, and instructed its diplomatic representative at Constantinople to protest against the granting of the concession.

Had No Objection.

As soon as Secretary Knox heard of the German opposition he instructed Ambassador Hill to ask the German foreign office to reconsider its attitude. In reply the German foreign office assured Mr. Knox that it had no objection, provided German interests were not injured.

Before leaving his post at Constantinople, several weeks ago, Oscar S. Straus, American Ambassador to Turkey, obtained the approval of the Turkish government. The Ottoman minister of public works and the council of ministers have approved the proposed concession. It is now pending before the Turkish Parliament.

Huntington Wilson, Assistant Secretary of State, who is now in Constantinople, may also discuss the proposed concession with the officers of the Turkish government.

HELD FOR KILLING SHOWMAN.

Son of Representative Pierce, of Tennessee, Is Under Arrest.

Memphis, Nov. 6.—Rice A. Pierce, Jr., son of former Representative R. A. Pierce, a well-known Tennessee politician, who was prominent in the defense of the noted Redfoot Lake mine, is under arrest, charged with the murder of Jack Chanler, a New York showman.

Chanler was stage manager of a company giving a Saturday performance here, and Pierce is alleged to have annoyed members of the chorus, by forcing his attention upon them, accompanied by several other young men. Chanler remonstrated and Pierce left, but renewed the quarrel at the station when the company was leaving, and after an argument, he fired two shots, one having a fatal effect. Pierce then turned his pistol over to the police and surrendered.

NAVAL MILITIA GETS BOATS.

Cruisers Boston and Concord Will Not Be Sold.

Tacoma, Nov. 6.—The cruisers Boston and Concord, now at Puget Sound Navy Yard, awaiting sale, will probably be assigned to the Tacoma and Seattle divisions of the Naval Militia, instead of being sold. The Navy Department yesterday wired Bremerton for estimates of the cost of fitting the vessels up for this duty. The Boston is appraised at \$13,000 and the Concord at \$12,000. The Tacoma Naval Militia is now using the monitor Chesapeake.

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PAPER MAKERS INTERESTED.

Proposed Treaty with Canada Draws Agents to Ottawa.

Ottawa, Nov. 6.—The arrival of Henry M. Hoyt, Solicitor of the Department of State, and Charles M. Pepper, from Washington for the purpose of negotiating a reciprocity treaty with Canada has been followed by an advance guard of special representatives of many interests likely to be affected by a treaty. Foremost among these is a small army of promoters of new Canadian paper mill enterprises and railway promoters having "paper" charters for projected railways, which, if built, would become the owners of large tracts of timber lands.

The situation here now is much the same as the situation at Washington when a tariff bill is before the committee of Congress for discussion. Representatives of United States paper makers are flocking into Ottawa, and the revisionists and Canada standpatters are in evidence on every hand. John Norris, of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, will remain here for some time.

TWO AIRMEN FLY AT BALTIMORE MEET

Good-sized Crowd Sees Exhibition at Halethorpe.

Baltimore, Nov. 6.—Against the contest scheduled at the aviation meet at Halethorpe were postponed to-day, owing to the nonarrival of the machines, which were undergoing repairs. A crowd of over 12,000 people waited expectantly for the aerial navigators to try for records, but only Latham and Drexel materialized, the latter putting in an appearance near sundown. It was decided early this afternoon to have only exhibition flights, contests being out of the question.

Between the wind that was blowing near the twenty-mile per hour danger point, at which the aviators balked, and the county police, who were assembled at the gates, presumably to arrest almost anybody that took part in the meet, and the delay of machines in arriving at the grounds, there was a great deal of uncertainty as to whether there would be any flying.

Latham started to entertain the crowd by making two brief flights. Later he started off again for an altitude flight. The wind had calmed down some, but it was quite cool. He went up 2,375 feet, and when he came down was quite stiff from cold.

Just about twilight J. Armstrong Drexel, who had hired his Bleriot in a hard several miles away, arrived at the grounds. He had mounted his flyer on a truck drawn by a mule team. Quite a number of people had already gone, but notwithstanding, Drexel decided to give an exhibition in altitude flying. He shot upward like a rocket, never stopping until he reached 4,335 feet, when he came down as fast as he ascended. When he alighted he remarked he could not have gone higher because of the intense cold. This concluded the exhibition.

To-morrow Latham will go after a \$5,000 prize offered by the Baltimore Sun to fly over the city, and the programme at the grounds will be resumed. Bishop Cranston, of Washington, delivered a sermon here to-day in which he scored the promoters of the meet for flying on Sunday.

NEW AERO DISAPPOINTS CROWD AT COLLEGE PARK

College Park, Md., Nov. 6.—A report was circulated in Washington last night and this morning that Rexford M. Smith proposed making a trial flight in his newly constructed biplane, and a large crowd gathered at the local aviation field this morning. Several gentlemen interested in the sport, one or two of whom are owners of machines, were present. The spectators were disappointed, however, and even had the weather conditions been favorable, Mr. Smith announced that the test could not be made for the reason that the pump of his Emerson engine had been shipped to Alexandria for some minor adjustment.

Mr. Smith's machine embodies the essential principles of all the well-known flyers, but, contrary to general opinion, differs in many respects from the Wright biplane. It has a whole tail plane, flexible rudder, and the lateral balancing planes are also flexible. This feature of flexibility insures better control and minimizes the mechanical complications.

Mr. Smith, from childhood, has always evinced an inventive turn of mind, and with it a hobby for innovations involving more or less likelihood of bodily harm. As a youth he created a sensation by riding his bicycle down the steep steps in front of the Capitol Building, and on another occasion rode a wheel across the handrail of the Aqueduct Bridge. He is the inventor of a bicycle boat, in which he went from Washington to Port Monroe and return.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFERS \$100,000 FOR AVIATORS

New York, Nov. 6.—According to a telegram received by Israel Ludlow yesterday, the proposed aviation meet to be held in San Francisco November 23 to December 2 is now assured. Mr. Ludlow said it has been decided to raise the fund from \$70,000 to \$100,000. With this amount he believes it will be possible to take the pick of the aviators to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Ludlow said he had already conferred with a number of the aviators who are favorable to the proposition, and that some have practically agreed to sign contracts. Among those approached to-day were Grahame-White, Hamilton, and Moisant.

Another telegram was received from Los Angeles, where money has been raised for a meet. It stated that the subscription for the aviation tournament had been offered as a reward for the persons who dynamited the Times Building during the strike, and invited the aviators to give an exhibition on their own responsibility and take the profits.

There was no flying at the Belmont course to-day. It was said that August Belmont had left instructions that no more flights be made without his sanction. Nobody seemed to know the exact cause of the order. Said it was said that Grahame-White had made a flight Saturday afternoon in violation of the order.

Cubans Anxious for Flights.

Havana, Nov. 6.—Mr. Bryce, manager for Glenn Curtiss, is here making arrangements for an aviation meeting in which Curtiss, Mars, and Ely will take part. Among the proposed events is a flight from Havana to Key West for a prize of \$5,000 if revenue cutters can be obtained to patrol the course. The weather here at this time of the year is ideal for flying. The storm season has ended and the winds are steady and mild. Flying machines have never been seen in Cuba and the government is enthusiastic over the proposal to have flights here.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, Nov. 6.—Arrived: Columbia, from Glasgow, Oct. 30; Cedric, from Liverpool, Oct. 29. Arrived at: President Grant, at Hamburg; Baltic, at Liverpool. Sailed for foreign ports: Lusitania, from Queenstown; Arabie, from Queenstown.

Three Pastors Survive.

Three of the survivors, Dr. D. W. Moffatt, now living in retirement at Madison, Ind.; Dr. S. H. Howe, pastor of the Congregational Church of Norwich, Conn.; and Dr. W. C. Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Roswell, N. Mex.

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SPECIAL SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Rev. S. H. Howe, of Norwich, Conn., Pastor from 1872 to 1883, Will Preach Next Sunday—George Washington and Andrew Jackson Among First Congregations.

The 130th anniversary of West Street Presbyterian Church, P street, near Thirty-first, Georgetown, will be celebrated by special services beginning next Sunday. Rev. S. H. Howe, D. D., of Norwich, Conn., pastor from 1872 to 1883, will preach at the morning service.

At the evening hour there will be a fellowship service at which the Lord's supper will be administered. Monday evening will be given to history and reminiscence. The historical address will be delivered by Rev. Benjamin F. Bittinger, D. D., who is well qualified for his task by the fact that he attended the old Bridge Street Church during his boyhood. In the year 1861 Dr. Bittinger received and declined a call to his pastorate.

On Tuesday evening there will be a public reception in the chapel. A brief musical programme will be followed by a number of short addresses by neighboring pastors. Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D. D., representing Presbyterian friends, and Rev. Charles L. Pate, D. D., representing the churches of Georgetown. The celebration will close on Thursday night with an organ recital by St. Thompson Williams, organist of St. John's Church, Georgetown.

Organized in 1780.

West Street Church is the oldest Presbyterian Church in the District. It was originally known as the Bridge Street Church, deriving its name from its location in Bridge (now M) street. The organization took place in 1780, under the ministry of the Rev. Stephen Bloomer Balch, and was at first connected with the Presbytery of Donegal. It is said that only seven persons partook of the first communion, and that the session consisted of the pastor and one elder, James Cone.

Dr. Balch's first sermon was preached in a little log building occupying the site of the Lutheran church at Wisconsin avenue and Volta place. The congregation worshipped there in a rented room in a building in Thirty-third street below Q. Later this became the site of the Market Street Chapel, which is now occupied by St. John's Protestant Episcopal Mission. A permanent location was at length secured at the corner of Bridge and Washington streets (now M and Thirtieth), where a frame building was erected in 1821. Among the contributions was a gift of \$5 from Thomas Jefferson. Dr. Balch's pastorate covered a period of fifty-three years, and George Washington and Andrew Jackson were occasionally found among his hearers.

Pioneer in Education.

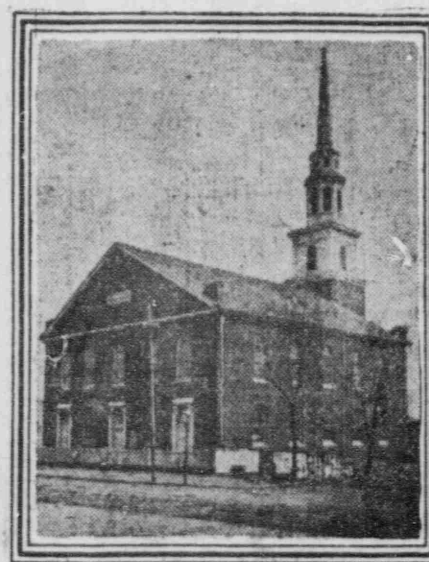
Dr. Balch was born in Hartford County, Md., in 1746. He was a student of Princeton in the days of John Witherspoon, and later carried arms in the war of independence. From 1789 to 1865 he was the only Protestant minister in Georgetown. He was versatile in his attainments, and was a pioneer in education as well as in religion, being the founder of a classical school and the educator of no less than seventy-four young men for the gospel ministry. He was broad in his sympathies, and had a number of warm friends among the Catholic priests, as well as among the various Protestant ministers. On the day of his funeral all business in Georgetown was closed, many buildings were draped, and the members of the town council marched in a body in the procession. His remains now rest in Oak Hill Cemetery.

In 1879 the location of the church was changed to West street, near Congress (now P, near Thirty-first street). The old building was demolished and part of its materials used in the construction of the new edifice. The pastor at the time of the removal was Rev. S. H. Howe, D. D. The chapel was the gift of P. S. T. Claess and contains a tablet to his memory. Up to the fall of 1908, when Dr. Marshall was called, the church had had eleven pastors.

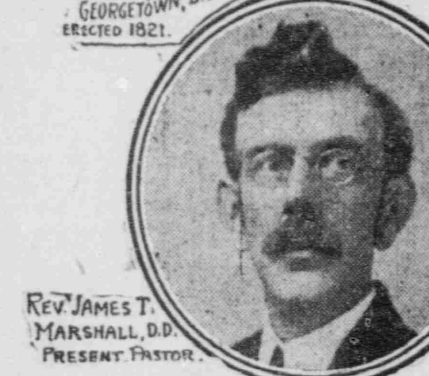
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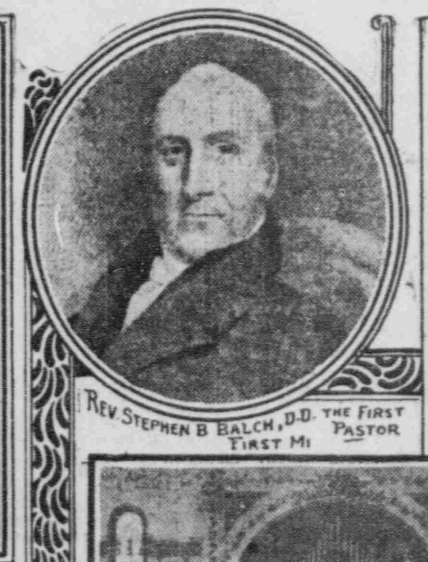
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